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Applicant : LUTZ RICHTER ET AL.
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Title : GATHERING STAPLER WITH SEPARATE DRIVES AND
METHOD OF OPERATING THE GATHERING STAPLER

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Sir:

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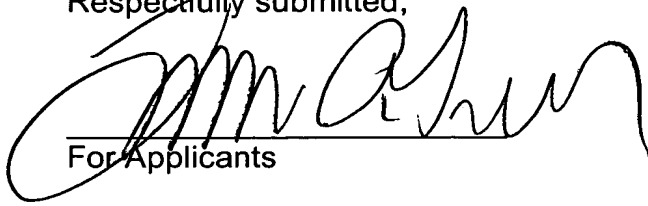
U.S. Patent 6,142,354 (Heinz Boss et al.), dated November 7, 2000, as mentioned on page 3 of the specification;

Published European Patent Application EP 0 956 974 A1 (Heinz Boss et al.), dated November 11, 1999, pertains to a drive mechanism for a gathering stapler with variable chain pitch, as mentioned on page 3 of the specification.

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